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ANALYSIS

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Official Action of May 31, 2005, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on August 31, 2005. Submitted with the present response is a Request for Extension of Time of one month, thereby extending the time for responding to the Office Action to September 30, 2005, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.7. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding objections and rejections set forth in the above-mentioned Official Action in view of the herein-contained remarks.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper;

Statement of Substance of Interview begins on page 14 of this paper; and

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 16 of this paper.